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Tempered in the fire

“There isn't a way things should be. There's just what happens, and what we do.”

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Crack Every Egg

When you hang around The Discourse for too long you begin to notice certain trends. One of them is the 'egg prime directive'. For the blessedly uninitiated, this is the idea that it is harmful to suggest to people who appear to be cis that they may in fact be trans; even more harmful to make jokes about it. Certain individuals (mostly the loudly and aggressively cis) will even go so far as to say that this is misgendering on the same level as deliberately using the wrong pronouns for a trans person.

This is laughable.

Every structure in society is organised to send the message, both implicit and explicit, that transition is **not** something you should do. We are fucked up. Ruined. The worst thing a cis person can imagine is being trans.

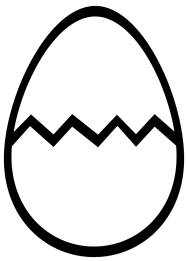
Even our allies often couch their allyship in ways which make it clear that pretending along with us is the kind thing to do, but deep down they know that we aren't really equal to a cis person. The sticky stain of *assigned at birth* will never be allowed to scrub out.

What we need to break down is the idea that your sex, your gender, is something that can be determined before you have given it proper thought.

There are countless trans people who have lived and died without ever knowing that transition was an option; believing themselves defective and deficient because that is what society tells us we must be, when we fail to embody the roles we are expected to.

How much damage does it do to those people to have their gender announced months in advance of them even coming into the world?

How much trauma grows from the disappointment, the anger, parents feel when their children find themselves unable to hold up their end of the bargain?



It's nice, isn't it? The quiet.

The austerity we were promised no more of.
The war and genocide we had no illusions about.
Prices go up and wages don't.
What was it Emma said about bread and work?

They're wearing the Boot now and it's just a matter of time
Before they learn the sadistic joy in its use.
They could provide for the poor and needy but we're in Sodom now.
Not in the "immoral lifestyle" sense although I am a fan of a few vices.
In the hostility to the poor, the foreign, the desperate.
The sort of Sin that so many Christians let slide because at least
At least they're cracking down on those horrible queers!

Something's gotta break and they're gearing up so that it's gonna be us instead of them.
We all gotta make sacrifices, so they say.
Easy for them to say.
They have something left to lose.

Bastards.

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So ends this month's issue, without the usual sign-off because we're all so very fucking tired.

And who could blame us?

But no one can say we didn't at least publish something.
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